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**Provisional summary record of the 2nd meeting**
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*Chairperson*: Ms. Rasi ..... (Finland)

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*The meeting was called to order at 11.55 a.m.*

**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters** (E/2003/32 (Part III), E/2004/1, E/2004/1/Corr.1, E/2004/2, E/2004/6, E/2004/7 and E/2004/L.2)

1. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the draft decisions contained in document E/2004/L.2.

*Draft decision I: Substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council*

2. *Draft decision I was adopted.*

*Draft decision II: Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council*

3. *Draft decision II was adopted.*

*Draft decision III: Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2005*

4. *Draft decision III was adopted.*

*Draft decision IV: Working arrangements for the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council*

5. **The President**, replying to a point raised by Ms. Maille, said that informal talks would continue to be held under the joint chairmanship of Council Vice-Presidents Mr. Penjo and Mr. Neil.

6. *Draft decision IV was adopted.*

*Draft decision V: Operational activities segment of the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council*

7. *Draft decision V was adopted.*

*Draft decision VI: Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council*

8. *Draft decision VI was adopted.*

*Draft decision VII: Theme for the regional cooperation item of the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council*

9. **Ms. Tamlyn** (United States of America), supported by Mr. Wrafter (Ireland) requested that the Council should defer its decision on draft decision VII.

10. *It was so decided.*

*Draft decision VIII: Date of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization*

11. *Draft decision VIII was adopted.*

*Draft decision IX: Participation of intergovernmental organization in the work of the Economic and Social Council*

12. *Draft decision IX was adopted.*

*International Civil Defence Organization*

13. **The President** drew attention to document E/2004/6, which contained a letter by the Secretary-General of the International Civil Defence Organization asking that the organization's request for conversion into a specialized agency of the United Nations should be deferred to a later session of the Council. She took it that the Council wished to defer consideration of the issue.

14. *It was so decided.*

*Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*

15. **The President** drew attention to the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2003 session (E/2003/32 (Part III)), which recommended that the Council should adopt two draft decisions.

*Draft decision I: Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations*

16. *Draft decision I was adopted.*

*Draft decision II: Draft provisional agenda and dates for the 2004 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and report of the Committee on its resumed 2003 session*

17. *Draft decision II was adopted.*

**Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments** (E/2004/L.1, E/2004/L.1/Add.1 and E/2004/L.1/Add.2)

*Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting*

18. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to elect Malaysia and Pakistan from the Group of Asian States and Mexico from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005.

19. *It was so decided.*

20. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election of one member from the Group of Eastern European States and one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

21. *It was so decided.*

*International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women*

22. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to elect Italy to the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

23. *It was so decided.*

24. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election of two members from the Group of African States, one member from the Group of Asian States and two members from the Group of Eastern European States.

25. *It was so decided.*

*Committee for Development Policy* (E/2004/L.1)

26. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to approve the nomination by the Secretary-General of the 24 experts listed in document E/2004/L.1 for a term of office beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2006.

27. *It was so decided.*

*Committee of Experts on Public Administration* (E/2004/L.1/Add.2)

28. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to approve the nomination by the Secretary-General of Mr. Wang Xiaochu to fill a vacancy on the Committee of Experts on Public Administration for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005.

29. *It was so decided.*

*Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals* (E/2004/L.1/Add.1)

30. **The President** said she took it that the Council wished to endorse the Secretary-General's decision to approve the application of Serbia and Montenegro for membership of the Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

31. *It was so decided.*

*Preparations for the high-level segment of the Council*

*Preparations for the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization*

32. **The President** said that preparations for the Council's high-level segment would begin on 17 February 2004 and that the segment theme would be "Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010". The Bureau had extended invitations to various United Nations agencies and bodies and other potential participants, and would provide more information when responses had been received. Turning to preparations for the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization, she noted that the preparations, which had begun during the term of office of her predecessor, Mr. Rosenthal, were key to

the success of the meeting. Preliminary negotiations were under way with various stakeholders and with World Bank executives. It was essential to seek out their views concerning the format and organization of the meeting. Both the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund were keen to take an active part in the preparations and in the meeting itself. It was anticipated that there would be a plenary session in the morning, followed by six round tables, whose chairs would report back to the plenary. The views of non-governmental organizations and the private sector would also be heard. She herself would then summarize the meeting. She urged all Council members to discuss the meeting with their respective ministers and to note the need for careful preparation. She would continue her talks with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization and would keep the Council informed about their outcomes.

*The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.*